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(C) MFA NATO Division Director Mirela Maghiar told PolMilOff May 25 that the GOR "recognizes the importance" of the NATO Training Mission in Iraq (NTM-I) and would consider making a 2006 pledge to the NTM-I despite the fact that Romania faced significant resource constraints. (Reftel) Over the course of a discussion with PolMilOff about the importance of training the Iraqis to take full responsibility, eventually, for their own security needs, Maghiar underscored that the NTM-I is one way to "help ensure the security of Iraq" and promised that the GOR "will pay close attention to your demarche." Maghiar cautioned, however, that the GOR's evaluation of a possible pledge would be subject to a thorough interagency vetting process, "so we might not have the time to make an announcement by the June Defense Ministerial."

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